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West Virginia Cattle Inventory

WEST VIRGINIA -- Cattle inventory in West Virginia as of January 1, 2006 totaled 410,000 head, up 5,000 head or 1 percent from the January 1, 2005 inventory of 405,000 head. **All cows and heifers** that have calved totaled 217,000 head, up 7,000 head or 3 percent from January 1, 2005.

Comparing January 1, 2006 to January 1, 2005: Beef cows totaled 204,000 head, up 7,000 head; **milk cows** totaled 13,000, unchanged; **all heifers 500 pounds and over** totaled 67,000 head, down 3,000 head; beef replacement heifers, 38,000 head, down 7,000 head; **milk replacement heifers**, 4,000 head, unchanged; **other heifers**, at 25,000 head, up 4,000 head; **steers 500 pounds and over** at 38,000 head, up 3,000 head; **bulls 500 pounds and over** at 14,000 head, down 1,000 head; **calves less than 500 pounds** totaled 74,000, down 1,000 head. **Cattle on feed** totaled 9,000 head, up 2,000 head from 2005.

The 2005 **calf crop** totaled 195,000 head, up 5,000 head from the 2004 calf crop.

UNITED STATES -- All cattle and calves in the United States as of January 1, 2006, totaled 97.1 million head, 2 percent above the 95.4 million on January 1, 2005. **All cows and heifers** that have calved, at 42.3 million, were up 1 percent from the 41.9 million on January 1, 2005.

Comparing January 1, 2006, to January 1, 2005: **Beef cows** totaled 33.3 million head, up 1 percent; **milk cows** totaled 9.06 million, were up 1 percent; **all heifers 500 pounds and over** totaled 20.0 million, up 2 percent; **beef replacement heifers**, 5.90 million, up 4 percent; **milk replacement heifers**, 4.28 million, up 4 percent; **other heifers**, 9.80 million, up slightly; **steers 500 pounds and over** totaled 16.9 million, up 3 percent; **bulls 500 pounds and over** totaled 2.26 million, up 2 percent; **calves less than 500 pounds** totaled 15.6 million, up 2 percent. **Cattle and calves on feed** totaled 14.1 million, up 3 percent.

The 2005 **calf crop** was estimated at 37.8 million head, up 1 percent from 2004. **Calves born** during the first half of the year are estimated at 27.4 million, up slightly from 2004.

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